

News of the Sport World

ROCK ISLAND MAY GET IN CENTRAL

Meeting of Local Baseball Men Held in Harper Hotel and Proposition Discussed.

CLINTON WANTS FRANCHISE

Moline Expresses Desire for Berth According to a Burlington Dispatch.

According to a dispatch received from Muscatine regarding the meeting of the Central association magnates in Burlington the latter part of last week, Rock Island has been considered for a berth in that league and an effort will be made to get this city to organize for that purpose. It is not probable at present that Rock Island will get into the Three-I league this year owing to the fact that all of the teams have signified their willingness to remain in the circuit and magnates of the Central association believe that they can get the Three-I to surrender its territorial rights here and get the city into the league.

Meet in Harper. Last night a meeting was held in the New Harper hotel which was attended by a number of local baseball enthusiasts, supporters and magnates of the Central association. The discussion at hand was the question as to whether or not this city desired to accept a berth in the league. If Rock Island and Clinton both get into the Central, the following teams would make up an unusually strong circuit: Rock Island, Clinton, Cedar Rapids, Waterloo, Clinton, Muscatine, Ottumwa, Burlington and Keokuk.

It is expected if Rock Island and Clinton join the league, an effort will be made next year to get Davenport and Dubuque into the circuit and in that case the Central association will have assumed the proportions of a high class league.

At present it is not known whether or not Rock Island will make a determined effort to secure a berth in the Central, as fans here have been used to faster baseball when the Three-I league included this city in its circuit, but according to plans now under way the Central will probably outclass the Three-I within a year or two and play faster ball than the opposing league. An effort is now being made by those interested to have the Three-I surrender its territorial rights here and get this city into the league.

Clinton is after a berth and a proposition was given the town and in all probability it will be one of the new members. A committee composed of A. S. Lawrence of Muscatine, Belden Hill of Cedar Rapids

and President M. E. Justice of Keokuk, was appointed to wind up the affairs of the two cities and to secure new members for the league to take the place of the two towns which dropped out.

After Rock Island. Efforts will be made to secure the release of Rock Island from the Three-I circuit and if this can be accomplished it is said on good authority that Rock Island will make up the eighth city in the league.

Things look optimistic in the Central association this year. The league will be stronger than ever before. Kewanee and Monmouth were the smallest towns in the league and were a handicap to the attendance figures during the championship race. The town of Kewanee with an estimated population of 11,000 and Monmouth with 9,000 will be replaced by towns from two to three times the population.

Moline Wants Place. Moline would also like a place in the Central baseball association and is preparing to make a strong fight for it, according to a Burlington dispatch.

The report printed in several outside papers that Galesburg was dicker for a franchise is an error. Galesburg, so far as known, does not want a franchise but is planning to join with Monmouth and Kewanee in forming a new Illinois league of cities of their size.

Rock Island Largest. The membership of the league by towns with Rock Island and Clinton would have the following population: Rock Island 35,000 Clinton 25,000 Waterloo 26,000 Cedar Rapids 33,000 Muscatine 17,000 Ottumwa 20,000 Burlington 22,000 Keokuk 18,000 Total 196,000

FOOTBALL HEROES ENJOY A BANQUET

The football heroes of the Rock Island high school enjoyed a banquet and entertainment Saturday evening tendered by the juniors in honor of their good work on the gridiron the previous season. The entertainment was held in the high school auditorium and every member who tried for a place on the team last year was invited. The members of the faculty were present and a fine time reported.

CHARLEY CUTLER WOULD MEET BOHEMIAN GRAPPLER

Heavyweight Who Appeared Here Recently Wants Go With Frisken. Chicago, Ill., Jan. 19.—For the purpose of finding a possible opponent for Gustav Frisken, the powerful Bohemian wrestler who created such a sensation in his match here Monday night with American, Charley Cutler, who wrestled recently in Rock Island, and Bill Hokuf, another Bohemian, are going to battle it out to a finish to night at the Empire theatre on the west side. They will wrestle the best out of three falls, and if the winner is impressive enough to the promoters he may be offered terms to meet Frisken within 30 days.

BAPTISTS LEAD JUNIOR LEAGUE

Have Won Three Straight Games in Sunday School Organization.

ALSO TOP SENIOR DEPT.

Many Games at Y. M. C. A. Among Sunday School Teams—Contests Close and Exciting.

That the moving picture houses, vaudeville shows and theatres are being given some good competition by the Y. M. C. A. in attracting the Saturday crowds who desire entertainment and pastime, was evident from the number of people who gathered in the gallery of the gymnasium at the "Y" Saturday afternoon and evening to witness the Sunday school basketball games. Every one was interested, perhaps, because of love for the game, possibly because it was a son or big brother that showed his cleverness in the winter sport. The shrill sound of the referee's whistle and the repeated applause both went into the spirit of the evening.

Much Rivalry Apparent.

Much interest was taken in the game by the different members of the teams upon the floor. A healthy rivalry is already apparent in the spirit of play and the crowd seemed as much enthused as the players themselves. With the new Y. M. C. A. in operation and always something new in ever better style, it has come that the question of the boy, who previously may have been on the street, now is not so much "shall I go to the 'Y' tonight," but "how fast can I get there."

Saturday night the crowds gathered to watch the Sunday school teams at basketball literally filled the large gallery. The women almost equaled the men in numbers and laughing children gave a healthy color to the general scene. Four games were played.

Results of Games.

The junior division play furnished a number of thrills. The Baptist boys won a hard game from the Broadway team, 8 to 6, after playing an extra 5 minutes. Other results were as follows: Baptists, 32; Fifteenth avenue Christian, 0. Broadway, 39; Central Presbyterian, 2. Methodist, 12; South Park, 3. Taber of the Baptists was the individual star in the first game against the Fifteenth avenue Christians, making 24 of the 32 points. The seniors furnished the evening's excitement. The oldmen, not to be outdone by their younger brothers, played 6 extra minutes when the Central Presbyterian men defeated the South Park players, 12 to 9. Other scores for the evening were as follows: Baptists, 17; Methodists, 12. Broadway, 27; Memorial Christian, 8. Swedish Lutheran, 26; Fifteenth

Meteoric Rise for Jack Holland; Player Once



Willett (left), Holland (top center), Milan (top right), Hetting, Gossett (lower right).

St. Joseph, Mo., Jan. 19.—Only eight years ago John Holland, owner of the St. Joseph baseball club, was plain Jack Holland, a good minor league ball player and that was all. Today he is the sole owner of one of the most valuable baseball franchises in the minor leagues, in one of the "dictators" of the Western league, is a scout for the

avenue Christian, 3. Referee—"Tod" Bieuer. Timer—Don Jones.

Standing of the Teams. The standings of the teams in the two divisions are as follows:

JUNIOR DIVISION.				
Team	W.	L.	Pct.	
Methodist	2	0	1.000	
Baptist	3	0	1.000	
Broadway	2	1	.666	
Central	1	2	.333	
South Park	0	3	.000	
15th Ave. Christian	0	2	.000	

SENIOR DIVISION.				
Team	W.	L.	Pct.	
Baptist	2	0	1.000	
Swedish Lutheran	2	0	1.000	
Methodist	1	1	.500	
Central	1	1	.500	
South Park	0	2	.000	
15th Ave. Christian	0	2	.000	
Memorial	0	2	.000	

Chicago White Sox, has a reputation for his baseball "noodle" and is known by the big league managers as a man whose judgment on a ball player may be depended on.

In these eight years Holland has sent 23 ball players to the majors, but this number includes five who will be given an opportunity to make good with the big fellows this spring. Therefore of the 18 men sent up prior to this spring eight are in the big league now, and at least six, and possibly seven of them, may be classified as stars of the first magnitude. Of the remaining 10 who journeyed to the big leagues nine were retained the greater part of at least one season and several of them lasted two seasons or more.

But this is not all. Of the 10 players who failed to make good in the big company and eventually were turned back to the minors only two are now playing in leagues below Class A. Undoubtedly this record will look much better after this season's spring training days are over, for Holland has five men, every one of them a minor league star, trying out with the major league ball clubs, and there is little doubt that at least two of them and possibly three will show enough ability to make good, especially since the invasion of the new Federal league gives promise of depleting the American and National leagues of players.

The men Holland is sending to the majors this spring are George Boehler, a pitcher, who goes to Detroit; Edward Zwilling, outfielder, and R. L. Crutcher pitcher, to the Boston Nationals, and Joe Kelly and George Watson, outfielders, to the Pittsburgh Pirates.

The players Holland started on their big league careers are Clyde Milan of Washington, Edgar Willett of Detroit, James Scott of the Chicago White Sox, George ("Chief") Johnson and Eugene Packard of Cincinnati, John Gossett of the New York Americans, Ad Brennan of the Philadelphia Nationals, and

Be is Baker of Philadelphia, who also has played with Pittsburgh, Boston, New York and Cincinnati in the order named.

The players now in the minors whom Holland gave an opportunity to make good up above are Fred Olmstead of Minneapolis, George Westcott of St. Joseph, Roy Corhan of San Francisco, Tex Jones of Des Moines, Baker Borton of Venice, Gus Hetting of Oakland, Ray Powell of Providence, George Speer of Muskogee, Willis Cole of Lincoln and Cy Young III of the wide wide world.

But while Holland was selling players to the majors he was not resting on his oars and spending the money. He was turning out winning ball clubs, with players whose talent was only mediocre. Although he did not break any records at winning pennants he always had first division teams, with one exception, and that time he took a hopelessly tail-end club and finished sixth with it. He was so successful that the management of the St. Louis Browns was offered to him and was refused because he could not obtain a five year contract. Holland contended that it would take five years to build up a tail-end major league club and declared no manager, who was not given that length of time to turn out a winner had not been given an opportunity to make good. For this reason he declined to consider the Hedges offer.

Holland is now working, virtually unaided, or if he is getting help it is passive sort, in reorganizing the Western league. He reorganized it once, when he persuaded the Western magnates to take Wichita and Topeka into the circuit, and now he is trying to get them dropped.

SINNET TO SCRAP AT OLYMPIC CLUB

Rock Island and Moline Admirers of Clever Fighter May See Him in Action.

Local admirers of Young Sinnet will be afforded an opportunity of witnessing that battler in action at the Moline Olympic club quarters Jan. 23. Sinnet will return to Moline directly after meeting Johnny Coulon in Racine, Wis., the evening of Jan. 21 for the bantamweight championship of the world. Sinnet has been matched to meet Johnny Sweeney of Chicago at the Olympic club.

An all-star program has been arranged for that occasion and will see Battling Burge, the Moline scrapper; Bobby Bylund, local grappler, and "Young" Bylund, local grappler, and City, on the bill.

One of the main bouts of the evening will be between Hackenschmidt and Bobby Bylund. Hackenschmidt is a welterweight, and recently forfeited a match to Bylund.

Battling Burge, Moline's most popular bantam, and who has a big string of victories to his credit, is scheduled to put on a ten-round boxing exhibition with Young Nordgren of Davenport. Both boys are expected to put on a clever exhibition of the manly art.

Weekly Sport Calendar

Monday, Jan. 19.—Billiards: Chicago at Cleveland, three cushion league. Basketball: Minnesota at Iowa.

Tuesday, Jan. 20.—Basketball: Chicago at Illinois. "Prep" league heavyweights, Hyde Park at Parker, North Division at Wendell Phillips; lightweights, Bowen at Englewood, Hyde Park at Wendell Phillips, Lake View at Lane, Marshall at Austin. Fight: "Battling" Leviskey vs. "Soldier" Kearns, New York. Billiards: Chicago at Indianapolis, three cushion league.

Wednesday, Jan. 21.—Fight: Johnny Coulon vs. "Young" Sinnet, Racine, Wis.; Mickey Sheridan vs. Paul Sikora, Windsor, Ont. Billiards: Chicago at St. Louis, three cushion league. Thursday, Jan. 22.—Basketball: American association meeting, Chicago. Billiards: Chicago at Milwaukee, three cushion league.

Friday, Jan. 23.—Fight: Ad Wolgast vs. Joe Rivers, Milwaukee, Wis.; Charley White vs. Jimmy Duffy, Buffalo, N. Y.; Joe Mandot vs. Johnny Love, New York. Basketball: Minnesota at Illinois; Iowa at Grinnell; Armour at Knox; Chicago "Prep" league, heavyweights, Parker at Bowen, Wendell Phillips at Lane; lightweights, Hyde Park at Bowen, Englewood at Wendell Phillips, Marshall at Lake View, Lane at Austin. Swim: Chicago at Northwestern. Wrestling: City championship, Irving Park Country club.

Saturday, Jan. 24.—Motor: Chicago automobile show opens. Swim: Uni-

THREE-I CIRCUIT TO REMAIN SAME

According to Bloomington Dispatch Rock Island Has No Chance This Year.

SAME FOR THREE SEASONS

Changed Circuit Almost Every Year Before 1912—Springfield Hard Up Financially.

According to a dispatch from Bloomington, Ill., the Three-I circuit is to remain the same this year as in 1913, thus giving Rock Island no chance to secure a berth in the league. Following is the dispatch:

Bloomington, Ill., Jan. 19.—There will be no change in the Three-I league circuit this year. Springfield, Peoria, Danville and Decatur, which have been slow in perfecting plans for the coming season, have signified they will remain in the league and will send representatives to the annual meeting. Springfield was the last to take the necessary action. A new directorate was formed, with new officers and new financial backing.

The circuit has remained unchanged for three seasons, something unusual. Prior to 1912 nearly every season saw a change. The fact that the same eight cities have held together for three successive seasons is regarded as strongly indicative of the substantial character of the organization. The comparatively small mileage, as a result of the compact, is regarded as an important factor in its success.

Kahl to Manage Quincy.

Nick Kahl has agreed to manage the Quincy club. He won the pennant last season and his reengagement was regarded as certain. Manager Kahl forwarded a number of contracts to headquarters, having signed Charles Fowler of St. Louis and John Harriman of Higbee, Mo., catchers; Paul B. Bellow of Chicago, infielder, and Howard Henry and Guy Briscow of Pleasant Hill, Ill., outfielders.

Following the election of a new board of directors at Springfield a manager will be chosen. It is regarded as certain that Frank Donnelly, last year's leader, will be retained.

Davenport Loses First Sacker.

Davenport has lost Walter Holke, who was counted upon for first base. He was purchased by St. Joseph from Peoria last season and loaned to Davenport. A prohibitive price was placed upon him and Davenport was forced to drop negotiations for his services. He was sold to Spokane.

CITY LEAGUE TO OPEN ITS SEASON

Six Teams Lined Up This Year Will Commence Play at High School.

With six teams forming a formidable circuit, the Rock Island City Basketball league will open its season at the high school gymnasium tomorrow night with three games. The teams which make up the circuit this year are the Independents, Centrals, Socials, Augustana Reserves, Black Hawks and Woodmen. Fast lineups will be put on the floor and good games played all through the season which continues for about ten weeks.

Last year the West End Settlement team carried off the honors by easily capturing the pennant in a close race, but the team has not entered the league this year.

A meeting of the league team managers was held and the various business affairs of the season discussed although the schedule has not been arranged.

Tonight a second meeting will be held by the managers and the schedule for the season adopted. The first games will be played at the high school gymnasium tomorrow night, opening the season.

versity High at Evanston; New Trier at Oak Park. Wrestling: City championships, Irving Park Country club. Basketball: Wisconsin at Chicago; Minnesota at Northwestern; Purdue at Ohio State.

Sunday, Jan. 25.—Skating: Western championships, Chicago Hebrew institute. Ski: Meet at Milwaukee.

Natural Inference.

A schoolteacher was reading a story to a class of very small folks and paused at the words "lay brother" to explain their meaning. "Does any one know what 'lay brother' means?" she asked.

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